

neo-classic style of the city's other government buildings. A focal point of the building is a central five-story skylit rotunda, accessible by balconies at each level. The building also features a large landscaped public plaza.

The 354,000 (gross) square foot building contains a total of seventeen courtrooms to meet the needs of the U.S. Circuit, District, Magistrate, and Bankruptcy Courts. The courtrooms are all finished in cherry or ash and are designed to accommodate current courtroom technology. Constructed by Jos. L. Muscarelle, Inc. of Maywood, NJ, the \$60 million building will house the courtrooms and related space for 400 employees of the courts and court-related agencies. New Jersey Congressman Donald M. Payne will also have an office located in the building.

Two works of art were commissioned under GSA's Art-In-Architecture Program for the building: "Cornucopiae," two asymmetrical sculptures by Stephen Robin, flank the main entrance; and "Justice," a ten foot high head by Diana Moore, will be installed in the center of the plaza in the spring of 1993. In addition, a poem has been commissioned from former U.S. Poet Laureate Mark Strand to be inscribed in the granite base of Moore's sculpture.

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Officials Dedicate Newark (NJ) Federal Building and Courthouse

NEWARK, NJ - Federal, State and local officials will gather here today to officially dedicate the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse, according to Regional Administrator William J. Diamond of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m., at the building located at 50 Walnut Street in Newark's downtown civic center.

Participants in the event will include U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, U.S. Congressman Donald M. Payne, Newark Mayor Sharpe James and Chief Judges Dolores K. Sloviter, John F. Gerry, and William H. Gindin of the U.S. Circuit, District, and Bankruptcy Courts, respectively. They will be joined by Commissioner Milton Herson of the GSA Public Buildings Service and GSA Regional Administrator William J. Diamond who will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

A highlight of the program is expected to be choral selections performed by the Newark Boys Chorus* and the unveiling of a plaque to be permanently installed in the building. Colors will be presented by the Military Entrance Processing Station of Newark and an invocation and benediction will be offered by the Reverend William D. Watley, Pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark.

The new Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse was designed by the Grad Partnership of Newark in a contemporary reinterpretation of the

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